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Examiner: D. S. Larkin

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Inventor: Ami Chand et al.

For: *METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING A SAMPLE*

Attorney Docket No. 528.078

SUPPLEMENTARY REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent
and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed a Reply to the March 12, 2003, Restriction Requirement on April 14, 2003, in which applicant elected the invention in the fourth sub-paragraph of paragraph 1. After discussing the Restriction Requirement with Examiner Larkin on April 25, 2003, applicant has decided to change its election. Applicant wishes to withdraw its election of April 14, 2003, and substitute the following election therefor.

Applicant elects the invention set forth on page 3 of the Restriction Requirement, subparagraph 2 through sub-paragraph 5 directed to a "method of operating a probe that interacts with a surface of a sample," disclosed on page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 1. This invention corresponds to independent claim 25, and claims 26-32 dependent therefrom. This election is with traverse to the extent that independent claim 25 is generic among claims 25-32.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above, he is asked to please contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

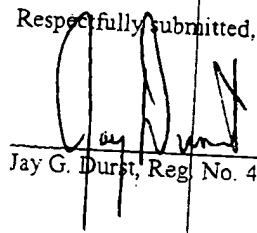
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A one (1) month Request for Extension of Time is requested via a separate Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), submitted herewith via a completed Form PTO/SB/22. The Examiner is authorized to deduct \$110.00 in payment of the fee for the one (1) month extension request to Deposit Account No. 50-1170. No other fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,


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